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### **Idaho Milk Production Down 2.7 Percent**

Idaho milk production during August 2009 totaled 1.06 billion pounds, a 2.7 percent decrease from the same month last year, but up slightly from July 2009, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. July 2009 milk production was revised to 1.06 billion pounds, up 10 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in August 2009 was 1,940 pounds, down 30 pounds from August 2008. The average number of milk cows during August was 548,000 head, down 2,000 head from the revised July 2009 and down 7,000 head from August 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 14.6 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from August 2008. July revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down slightly from July 2008. The July revision represented a decrease of 13 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for August, 25 pounds above August 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 143,000 head less than August 2008, and 28,000 head less than July 2009.

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